



# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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## Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

**Beginning this week, I will have a box at the regular meetings to collect food and other personal items for the children in Urbandale.**

Hunger in the United States is not on the scale seen in some developing countries, but the problem is serious enough to pose long-term consequences for the health and well-being of children in particular.

“The issue of food insecurity and hunger is a health issue,”

says Mark Rank, professor of social work at Washington University in St. Louis.

“We know that children who face hunger have other issues, such as low birth weight, failure to thrive, and dental and mental health issues.”



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

## Scribbles

### Mark Million American Red Cross

Mark Million a Disaster Reserve working as part of the Disaster Services Technology team for the American Red Cross was our speaker today. Mark is based out of the Central Iowa Chapter, and has served on over twenty national disaster operations since his initial deployment during Hurricane Katrina.

In 2007 Mark became a delegate to the International Federation of Red Cross Societies and has been on several overseas disasters including the Uganda floods of 2007 and most recently the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Mark's primary responsibility when serving on disasters is to help restore technology and communications for an affected disaster area. This includes radios, computers, internet, cellular service etc.

Mark explained that as a member of the IFRC they needed to be able to leave

within 48 hours of being called. Additionally the emergency response units are responsible for there first thirty days of sustainability including: food shelter etc.

Mark said that there were several challenges while working on the disaster in Haiti. That while food and water were available, there was no power, and shelter was critical.

Mark expressed that while the outpouring of support for Haiti has been substantial he hopes it continues. While much has been done, there is still a lot of work to be done to help Haiti become self supporting. Because of organizations like the Red Cross and the support Haiti has been given, they will be more ready the next time a disaster happens.



Scribe  
 Matt Bunker

May 7, 2010  
 Program:

**Elvin McDonald**  
 DM Botanical Center

Arranged By:  
 Chuck Corwin

Greeter:  
 Brenda A-Mailey

Invocation:  
 Roger Nyberg

Sergeant:  
 Rick Grant

Scribe:  
 Diane Porter

## 2009-10

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### Future Programs

- 5/14:** CLUB PROGRAM
- 5/21:** Andy Stoll  
 Ambassador Scholar
- 5/28:** Cubs Game & Outing

## Other Local Meetings

### Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)

Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)

Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)

West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

### Wednesday

East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am)

Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (Noon)

### Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)

Des Moines, Hotel Fort Des Moines, (Noon)

Winterset, Northside Cafe, (Noon)

### Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)



## We'll Be Singing . . .

Opening: God Bless America

Song Time:

The 4-Way Test (#18)

When You're Smilin' (#82)

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted every Wednesday by Noon. Please send to:

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## Rotary Minute...

### Invocations at Club Meetings

Many Rotary clubs customarily open their weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually, such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas, and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

Because each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals are nondenominational in nature and conducted in a way that respects the religious convictions and faiths of all members.

## For All The Moms....



"The kids call me Mommy. My husband calls me Babe. My parents call me Sweetie. And my boss calls me Hey. According to Wikipedia, my real name is Brenda!"

## Future Information

### Program

Chairperson:

**Gil DeRoos**

Leslie Malcom, May 14

Jeff Bremer, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

### Greeters

Chairperson:

**Nancy Johnson**

Beth Goedken, May 14

Brad Helgemo, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

### Invocation

Chairperson:

**Jim Pittman**

Dave Nagel, May 14

Mark McAndrews, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

### Sergeant

Chairperson:

**Kevin Smith**

Cam Torstenson, May 14

Marcus Dunn, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

### Scribe

Chairperson:

**Larry Sample**

Diana Reed, May 14

Doyle Sanders, May 21

No Meeting, May 28